

*Duke.* Vpon mine honor thou shalt marrie her.  
Thy slanders I forgiue, and therewithall  
Remit thy other forfeits: take him to prison,  
And see our pleasure herein executed.

*Luc.* Marrying a punke my Lord, is pressing to death,  
Whipping and hanging.

*Duke.* Slandering a Prince deserues it.  
She *Claudio* that you wrong'd, looke you restore.  
Ioy to you *Mariana*, loue her *Angelo*:  
I haue confes'd her, and I know her vertue.  
Thanks good friend, *Escalus*, for thy much goodnesse,

There's more behinde that is more gratefull.  
Thanks *Prouost* for thy care, and secrecie,  
We shall imploy thee in a worthier place.  
Forgiue him *Angelo*, that brought you home  
The head of *Ragozine* for *Claudio's*,  
Th' offence pardons it selfe. Deere *Isabell*,  
I haue a motion much imports your good,  
Whereto if you'll a willing eare incline;  
What's mine is yours, and what is yours is mine.  
So bring vs to our Pallace, where wee'll show  
What's yet behinde, that meete you all should know.

## The Scene Vienna.

## The names of all the Actors.

*Vincentio*: the Duke.  
*Angelo*, the Deputie.  
*Escalus*, an ancient Lord.  
*Claudio*, a yong Gentleman.  
*Lucio*, a fantastique.  
2. Other like Gentlemen.  
*Prouost*.

*Thomas*. } 2. Friars.  
*Peter*. }  
*Elbow*, a simple Constable.  
*Froth*, a foolish Gentleman.  
*Clowne*.  
*Abhorson*, an Executioner.  
*Barnardine*, a dissolute prisoner.  
*Isabella*, sister to *Claudio*.  
*Mariana*, betrothed to *Angelo*.  
*Juliet*, beloued of *Claudio*.  
*Francisca*, a Nun.  
*Mistress Over-don*, a Bawd.

FINIS.



## The Comedie of Er

Actus primus, Scena prima.

Enter the Duke of Ephesus, with the Merchant of Siracusa,  
Iaylor, and other attendants.

Merchant.

*Proceed Solinus* to procure my fall,  
And by the doome of death end woes and all.  
*Duke.* Merchant of *Siracusa*, plead no more.  
I am not partiall to infringe our Lawes;

The enmity and discord which of late  
Sprung from the rancorous outrage of your Duke,  
To Merchants our well-dealing Countrymen,  
Who wanting gilders to redeeme their liues,  
Haue seal'd his rigorous statutes with their bloods,  
Excludes all pittie from our threatning lookes:  
For since the mortall and intestine iarrs  
Twixt thy seditious Countrymen and vs,  
It hath in solemne Synodes beene decreed,  
Both by the *Siracusians* and our selues,  
To admit no trafficke to our aduerse townes:  
Nay more, if any borne at *Ephesus*  
Be seene at any *Siracusan* Marts and Fayres:  
Again, if any *Siracusan* borne  
Come to the Bay of *Ephesus*, he dies:  
His goods confiscate to the Dukes dispose,  
Vnlesse a thousand markes be leuied  
To quit the penalty, and to ransom him:  
Thy substance, valued at the highest rate,  
Cannot amount vnto a hundred Markes,  
Therefore by Law thou art condemn'd to die.

*Mer.* Yet this my comfort, when your words are done,  
My woes end likewise with the euening Sonne.

*Duk.* Well *Siracusan*; say in brieft the cause  
Why thou departedst from thy native home?  
And for what cause thou cam'st to *Ephesus*.

*Mer.* A heauier taske could not haue beene impos'd,  
Then I to speake my griefes vnspeakeable:  
Yet that the world may witnesse that my end  
Was wrought by nature, not by vile offence,  
Ile vtter what my sorrow giues me leaue.  
In *Syracusa* was I borne, and wedde  
Vnto a woman, happy but for me,  
And by me; had not our hap beene bad:  
With her I liu'd in ioy, our wealth increast  
By prosperous voyages I often made  
To *Epidamnus*, till my factors death,  
And he great care of goods at random left,  
Drew me from kinde embracements of my spouse;  
From whom my absence was not fixe moneths olde,  
Before her selfe (almost at fainting vnder)

The pleasing punishment  
Had made prouision for  
And soone, and safe, as  
There had she not beene  
A ioyfull mother of tw  
And, which was strang  
As could not be disti  
That very howre, and  
A meane woman was  
Of such a burthen Mal  
Those, for their parent  
I bought, and brought  
My wife, not meanel  
Made daily motions fo  
Vnwillling I agreed, a  
A league from *Epidam  
Before the alwaies wi  
Gaued any Tragick In  
But longer did we not  
For what obscured lig  
Did but conuay vnto  
A doubtfull warrant o  
Which though my self  
Yet the incessant weep  
Weeping before for w  
And pitteous playning  
That mourn'd for fashi  
Forst me to seeke delay  
And this it was: (for o  
The Sailors sought for  
And left the ship then  
My wife, more carefu  
Had fastned him vnto  
Such as sea-faring men  
To him one of the oth  
Whil' I had beene lik  
The children thus dispo  
Fixing our eyes on wh  
Fastned our selues at ey  
And floating straight,  
Was carried towards G  
At length the sonne ga  
Dispers't those vapours  
And by the benefit of h  
The seas waxt calme, a  
Two shippes from tarro  
Of *Corinth* that, of *Epi  
But ere they came, oh  
Gather the sequell by  
*Duk.* Nay forward**